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In re Application of

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For: HIGH CHROMIUM FERRITIC
STEEL WITH 0.5 ATOMIC %
HAFNIUM, PART OF WHICH IS
ION IMPLANTED

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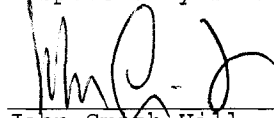
Sir:

Applicant wishes to draw attention to the documents listed on the accompanying information disclosure statement. Copies of the documents other than U.S. patents are enclosed.

With the exception of EP 0035369 and EP 1295958, the documents listed in the information disclosure statement were cited in the International Search Report. A copy of the International Search Report was included in the items filed upon entering the national stage. Since the International Search Report indicates the degree of relevance, applicant believes that the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of any document that is not in the English language has been satisfied. See MPEP 609. EP 0035369 and EP 1295958 were cited by the European Patent Office in connection with the corresponding European patent application. Both of these documents are in English.

Pursuant to MPEP 609, it is requested that the Examiner should initial the information disclosure statement to confirm that each document has been considered, and return a copy of the form to the undersigned with the first Office Action. **The PAIR record for this application does not show that a first Office Action on the merits has been mailed.**

Respectfully submitted,



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